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-- OBVIOUS EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE IN WHAT IS LONG-STANDING INTERNAL CONFLICT IN THE SHABA REPRESENTS DANGEROUS PRECEDENT, PARTICULARLY IF IT SHOULD RESULT IN OVERTHROW OF LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OR ITS DISMEMBERMENT.

-- LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT HAS REACTED, AS COULD BE EXPECTED, BY CALLING FOR ASSISTANCE FROM STATES WITH

WHICH IT HAS LONG-STANDING TIES. US HAS RESPONDED IN A MEASURED FASHION BY PROVIDING PRIORITY MILITARY EQUIPMENT OF A NON-LETHAL NATURE. WE HAVE ACTED CAUTIOUSLY AND WITH RESTRAINT IN ORDER TO HELP FACILITATE DIPLOMATIC, NEGOTIATED RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM AND AVOID ESCALATION. WHILE BELGIUM AND FRANCE HAVE PROVIDED SOME ARMS AND AMMUNITION, WE WOULD HOPE THROUGH THIS AID TO GIVE MEDIATION EFFORTS A CHANCE TO WORK.

7. IT IS ESSENTIAL TO MOVE QUICKLY TO PREVENT FURTHER ESCALATION OF THE FORCES ON BOTH SIDES IN THE SHABA, AND GET MEDIATION UNDERWAY WHILE THERE IS STILL TIME. THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO DO WHAT IT USEFULLY CAN TO HELP. BUT BASICALLY THE ATTACK ON ZAIRE IS A THREAT TO PEACE AND STABILITY IN AFRICA, AND IT IS A PROBLEM FOR THE AFRICANS TO RESOLVE WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE. US ATTITUDE IS BASED ON DESIRE TO AVOID BIG POWER CONFRONTATION AND TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT AFRICAN SOLUTION. THIS POINT SHOULD BE MADE FORCEFULLY TO AFRICANS. VANCE UNQTE VANCE

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